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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 36 with the following amended paragraph:

According to the invention and as shown in Figure 4A, the meandering resilient elements 81, 82, 83 are disposed at an angle to a line radiating from the centre of said central aperture 11 of the substrate 3. If the angle is substantially equal to 90°, as shown in Figure 4A, the ring shaped gap 2 between the inner annular section 26 and the outer annular section 25 of the substrate 3 is minimized. The longitudinal axis of each serpentine shaped connecting spoke element 81, 82, 83 is arranged substantially tangential to the circle 9 shown as a dotted line in Figure 4A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

A fourth embodiment of the present invention is shown in figure 7. The nebulising device according to this embodiment is provided with many elements of the third embodiment, which are numbered correspondingly. The fourth embodiment differs from the third embodiment in that the connecting resilient elements 81, 82, 83 are formed as non-meandering resilient members. According to the invention and as shown in Figure 7, the non-meandering resilient members 81, 82, 83 are disposed at an angle to a line radiating from the center of said central aperture 11 of the substrate 3. If the angle is substantially equal to 90° , as shown in Figure 7, the ring shaped gap I between the inner annular section 26 and the outer annular section 25 of the substrate 3 is minimized. It should be noted that the gap I is in general smaller when non-meandering resilient members are used. Further, the non-meandering resilient elements may be arc-shaped to extend substantially in parallel to the edges towards the gap 7 of the inner and the outer annular section 26 and 25, respectively. It is preferable to arrange the longitudinal axis of each non-meandering connecting spoke element 81, 82, 83 substantially tangential to the circle 9 shown as a dotted line in Figure 7.